

What is claimed is:

1. A coloration agent for use in ceramic articles comprising metal powder separated from shot waste and using metal oxide powder contained in the metal powder as a basic raw material.
2. A coloration agent according to Claim 1, wherein the shot waste is produced as a by-product of shot blasting an iron-based metal.
3. A color developing clay for ceramic articles comprising a clay raw material admixed with the coloration agent according to Claim 1 or 2.